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Frederick County Health Department

Dear Alcohol Licensee:

Law enforcement agencies within Frederick County will conduct compliance checks to enforce laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol products to individuals under the age of 21. These compliance checks are supported by a grant from the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration.

The purpose of compliance checks is to promote public health and safety by ensuring that alcohol license holders prevent underage alcohol purchases. Adherence to and compliance with current alcohol sales laws helps to prevent the negative consequences that can accompany underage alcohol access.

Working with law enforcement officers, individuals under the age of 21 will enter into your business during the next year to attempt to buy alcoholic beverages. Violation of laws during these compliance checks can result in criminal charges if your business is found selling alcohol to underage buyers. Such violation(s) will also be referred to the Frederick County Liquor Board for an administrative hearing. Reports on compliance check operations can become public data, meaning that the identity of businesses checked and the outcome of each check can be obtained and published by the news media.

The following tools are available to help license holders prevent alcohol sales to individuals under the age of 21:

- A copy of the 2018 ID Checking Guide is provided by the Frederick County Liquor Board (this guide contains photo examples of proper IDs)
- Visit the Frederick County Liquor Board website regarding upcoming merchant trainings available <https://frederickcountymd.gov/1291/Liquor-Board>

Selling alcohol is a legitimate business that plays a valid role in our community. Your vigilance to prevent underage access to alcohol will help to protect the health and safety of our youth.

By signing this form, you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Signature of Licensee

Date

First and Last Name of Licensee

Business Name of Licensee



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